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In re Application of : **OFFICE OF PETITIONS**  
Hogwood, Dixon, Carr, Davis, and :  
Boffo : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS  
Application No. 10/705,392 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)  
Filed: 12 November, 2003 :  
Atty Docket No. 02996.0003.CNUS02

This is in response to the petition filed under 37 CFR 1.47(a) on 13 September, 2004.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioners have shown, via the declaration of Arthur John Dixon, that the non-signing inventors, James Davis and Steven Luigi Boffo, have refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been sent a copy of the application papers. Specifically, petitioners have established that a copy of the application was sent by E-mail to the non-signing inventors. However, the non-signing inventor have orally refused to execute the declaration listing them as joint inventors along with William Edward Hogwood, Arthur John Dixon, and Peter John Carr.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the application will be forwarded to Technology Center 3700 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3231.

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